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**Amendment; to the Abstract:**

A method for processing speech audio in a network connected client device can include selecting a speech grammar for use in a speech recognition system in the network connected client device; characterizing the selected speech grammar; and, based on the characterization, determining whether to process the speech grammar locally in the network connected client device, or remotely in a speech server in the network. ~~In one aspect of the invention, the selecting step~~ Selecting can include establishing a communications session with a speech server; and, querying the speech server for a speech grammar over the established communications session. ~~Additionally, the selecting step~~ Selecting can further include registering the speech grammar in the speech recognition system.